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## Church Club To Have Fall Meeting At Weldon Hotel

A preliminary announcement has been made of the fall meeting of the Franklin County Congregational club which will hold its dinner and exercises at the Weldon hotel in Greenfield on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at six o'clock. The speaker will be the Rev. Charles Cadigan, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of Amherst. The announcement is made early in order that members of the association may make their arrangements to attend.

Northfield is expected to send a large delegation. The last meeting was held here at the Northfield hotel in May and there was a large attendance.

## Hermion Seniors Win; Pull The Juniors Through Shadow Lake

Last Friday at Mt. Hermon school was a memorable day. It was the day set for the annual tug of war at Shadow Lake when the 125 husky seniors met a like number of juniors. Fifteen minutes before the rope pull began, the seniors, led by President Bill Stewart, marched in military style, dressed in white shirts and trousers, confident that they could not lose. The juniors were no less cocky with their white clothes and drum major, stirring up the spirit of the class of 1939.

The rope lay across Shadow Lake and when Axel B. Forslund, director of the rope pull, blew his whistle there was a mad scramble along the hundred yards of senior rope to get the jump on the juniors who lined up on the opposite side. It was in vain that the juniors pulled. With a mighty heave the inspired rivals could do nothing more than follow. The only solace for the juniors was that the day was hot and the water cool. Pulled through the lake by the seniors, the juniors had to accept defeat and now the rope is put away for another year.

## Franklin Hospital Accepts New Plan

At a meeting of the trustees of the Franklin county hospital held last week Thursday, following a long discussion, it was voted to accept the new plan of hospitalization of the Associated Hospital Service of the state.

The plan was considered as of public advantage and for the public benefit and now the vote will permit any subscriber of the service to be cared for according to the rules and regulations prescribed.

The Associated Hospitals Service corporation is an employee-group hospitalization plan whereby working men and women for a yearly fee are entitled to 21 days of hospital care in semi-private accommodations and other hospital facilities.

Enrollment in the plan, as it is being carried out in this state, is limited to groups of employed persons, embracing not less than 30 per cent of the entire personnel of the employing firm, although self-employed persons are accepted.

The rate is \$10 annually for individuals, \$17 for husband and wife and \$32 a year for husband, wife and all unmarried children under 19 years of age. Benefits of the plan can be had only when any of the services is recommended by the patient's own physician.

## Church Association Elects Local Persons

At the annual meeting of the Franklin association of the Congregational churches held at Shutesbury last week Judge Francis N. Thompson of Greenfield was chosen president for the ensuing year. Walter H. Waite of East Northfield, advisory committee; Mrs. William R. Moody, evangelistic committee; Miss Sophie Servaes, religious education and young peoples' work; Mrs. W. Stanley Carne, missionary work committee. Delegates named to the regional council include Miss Maude Hamilton, Miss Sophie Servaes and Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne. The account of the meeting was published in our columns last week.

## Gave Party

Miss Janet Dean, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, entertained a group of children at a party in her home in honor of her second birthday on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Norrison Wesagar and daughter of Springfield were among the guests.

## 'Tis A Busy Week With Conferences At The Chateau

There is much activity about the Northfield hotel and Chateau these days. The Congregational Ministers Retreat on Wednesday and Thursday brought nearly a hundred clergymen to Northfield. The retreat sponsored by the Preaching Mission committee of the Massachusetts Congregational conference was for the purpose of deeper personal development, study and discussion of important matters bearing upon the activity and character of the work of the church. Rev. A. J. Penner of the Edwards Congregational church of Northampton was the presiding officer.

Following this gathering comes today the Eastern gathering of the Unitarian Laymen's League. The convention will open Friday with a dinner at the hotel and following a reception to Dr. Frederick M. Elliot, president of the American Unitarian association. Dr. Elliot will speak at eight o'clock at the Chateau on "What Is Religion." The program for Saturday and Sunday will be carried out as previously published in the Press. Over a hundred delegates are expected to be in attendance. After attending divine service in the South church of the town on Sunday morning the convention will adjourn following the dinner at the hotel. Northfield welcomes the gathering of the various groups within its borders.

## Big Game Party At The Chateau

No! This doesn't mean a hunters' convention. It's a gay get-together arranged by the local members of the Franklin County Northfield club. Community games to please everyone — including bridge — will be going all evening. The crystal chandeliers of the Chateau will sparkle on all this next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Former Northfield girls are urged to come, bringing their families and friends with them. The sale of tickets is already large and cover both the games and refreshments.

The proceeds of this happy party will be divided between the Franklin County Northfield club's own fund and the Brooks Memorial fund of the seminary. Northfield clubs everywhere are helping to raise a sum sufficient large by Jan. 1, 1938, to establish one complete annual scholarship as a memorial to Miss Lucy J. Brooks who taught at the seminary from 1894 to 1920. This is our chance to participate. Phone reservations to Mrs. Axel Forslund at Mt. Hermon.

## Junior C. E. Rally

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the County Union of Junior Christian Endeavor societies will hold a rally day at the local Congregational church and all young people are invited to attend. The program will begin at 2 o'clock with an address of welcome by Betty Phelps with a response by Vera Jackson followed by devotions led by Rev. Mabel Makepeace. A business meeting will follow, with a song service led by Prof. I. J. Lawrence, an address by Natalie Rust on forthcoming plans and an address by Ruth Truesdell. Miss Elizabeth Crafts the county president, will preside. Basket lunch with hot cocoa served by the Northfield Juniors will be at five o'clock.

## N. A. A. Banquet

About twenty-five members of the Northfield Athletic association met Friday evening of last week for a banquet served at the Sunset Farms where Mrs. Leach the genial hostess prepared one of her usual appetizing menus. Dr. A. H. Wright, the president, presided and several matters of important business were considered. It is hoped to put into the field this fall and finance a basketball team. The season's record of the baseball team was reviewed and was the source of much satisfaction. Of the games played they won 23 and lost 10.

## Fornightly Luncheon

The Fortnightly club will begin its season's program with a luncheon meeting at the Northfield hotel next Friday at 1:30 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Julius H. F. Franden of State college who will speak on "Glimpses of Denmark." Several guests will be present from neighboring clubs. The executive board will act as the hostesses.

## THE FINE AUTUMN DAYS ARE HERE



The beautiful days of autumn are approaching and the foliage will be turning into all shades of vivid colors. The hillsides will present beautiful pictures fitting for frames of gold. Already pilgrimages to the mountains are being made and from the cities motorists are passing through Northfield on their journeys through the vales, the valleys and in the mountains. The railroads will soon run their popular excursion trains and thousands will be enabled to see the glory of the hills. Northfield is fortunate in being situated in the midst of so much beauty and splendor. Plan now, if only for a short excursion on the country roads to enjoy the wonderful showing of nature's work.

## Unite With Church At Mount Hermon

One hundred and seven students and faculty members were received into membership of the Mt. Hermon church at the morning service last Sunday. Rev. Lester P. White, school pastor, baptized four students, who were among the eight joining by confession of faith. Ninety-nine joined by associate membership, which means that they are already members of churches elsewhere. Louis E. Smith, head deacon, assisted.

Rev. Lester P. White presided at the communion service which followed. He was assisted by the following deacons, Francis Bailey, Gordon Pyper, Albert E. Roberts, David Pearsall. In his address Mr. White emphasized the significance of contact with God and with one another. What is needed more than anything else today is the right relationship between individuals and between groups, he said. If only the contact between man and God is right, then that between man and man will be all right. At the vesper service Principal Mira B. Wilson of Northfield seminary was the speaker.

## New Teacher

One of the five new teachers at Mt. Hermon school this fall is James E. Cutter, who graduated from Mass. State college last June. After leaving Hermon in 1933, Cutter went to college where he took active part in the athletic program. He was captain of the varsity swimming team at M.S.C.

He was New England Intercollegiate 220-yard free style swimming champion in 1936 and again in 1937. Last year Cutter won the 440-yard free style championship, and was chosen outstanding swimmer in the Intercollegiate Swimming association.

At Mt. Hermon, Mr. Cutter is teaching mathematics and at present is assistant football coach. During the winter he will coach swimming.

## In Memoriam

Miss Anna L. Dale, who passed away on Sept. 22, after a brief illness, was born and spent her entire life in the home in which she died. The house was built by her grandfather and occupied by Miss Dale's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. David Dale. Miss Dale, who was known and loved by three generations of Northfield residents, was a woman of lofty ideals; a woman with a keen mind and unusually active memory; she had assisted in establishing dates in the history of the town. A great admirer of youth, she was ever ready with words of encouragement. With Miss Dale's passing, the town has lost a fine Christian woman, who has helped in every possible way in the affairs of her church and all things civic.

## 1938 Auto Plates Ready This Month

Registration for automobile plates for 1938 may be made on and after Oct. 18 and if you want a low number your application with check must be made direct to the Registry not later than Oct. 31. Such applications will be given numbers 10,001 to 100,000. Those having these low numbers will be given a special application and a renewal of the old number will be made. Plates will be shipped by parcel post the last of November or the early part of December.

Registration at the main and various branch registries will start on Dec. 1 and Goodwin asks motorists not to delay applying until after Christmas. The 1937 registration blanks are usable on passenger vehicle registrations. Truck and commercial vehicle applications should come on the new edition of blanks which will be available early in October.

Each applicant must sign his own application, and see to it that his residential and mail addresses, if any, are correct, together with the municipality in which his car is garaged. The applicant is solely responsible for correct answers on his application.

## SHARED

I said it on the meadow-path,  
I say it on the mountain stairs;  
The best things any mortal hath  
Are those which every mortal shares.

The air we breathe, the sky, the breeze,  
The light without us and within,  
Life, with its unlocked treasures,  
God's riches are for all to win.

The grass is softer to my tread,  
For rest it yields unnumbered feet;  
Sweeter to me the wild rose red,  
Because she makes the whole world sweet.

Into your heavenly loneliness  
Ye welcomed me, O solemn peaks!  
And me in every guest you bless  
Who reverently your mystery seeks.

And up the radiant peopled way  
That opens into worlds unknown  
It will be life's delight to say,  
"Heaven is not heaven for me alone."

Rich by my brethren's poverty!  
Such wealth were hideous! I am blest  
Only in what they share with me,  
In what I share with all the rest.

—Lucy Larcom

## A Bible Thought For Today

NOT SELF-CENTERED: Ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Galatians 5:13, 14.

## Women Of Town Consider Problems Of Alexander Hall

A meeting of the women of the town was called Monday afternoon to meet in Alexander hall to consider important matters with reference to the use of the hall, its upkeep and care by the Alexander Hall committee. Herebefore the cost of its maintenance had been borne largely by the School Committee without recompense and the committee on the hall after a joint conference with the Selectmen and the School Committee felt that an appropriation from the town should be made directly to cover the cost.

A special committee was appointed to consider future arrangements regarding a woman's clubhouse and policy matters; and this committee consists of Mrs. N. P. Wood, Rev. Mary Andrews Conner, Mrs. Clarence Steadler, Mrs. Charles Kuehl and Mrs. Carroll Miller. In providing for the hall by Miss Alexander in her will, the provisions were not literally carried out but the hall was incorporated in the then new high school building. Its use was to be "for the people of the town" and part for a memorial to the G. A. R. The Woman's Relief Corps was mentioned as a specific organization to use the privileges and the Sons of Veterans to care for the Memorial when the G.A.R. shall cease.

Governed by a committee of seven to be chosen by the women of the town, the years have seen rules enacted by them as to who may use and when. As the matter stands today the space used by the hall would provide needed facilities for expansion of the high school and a problem is created.

In order that the citizens of Northfield may refresh their memories of the Alexander will and that no false impressions be maintained the Press is publishing a copy of a portion of the will which relates to the creation of the Alexander Memorial Hall.

## Youth Peace Council Organized In County

A young peoples' meeting in the interest of the Youth Peace Council at Robbins Memorial church at Greenfield held last Sunday evening resolved to organize on a permanent basis. Elliott V. Fleckles, librarian of Mt. Hermon school, delivered an address on "American Youth Faces the War Problem." Over a hundred young people were present and unanimously it was decided to hold meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month, the next meeting being called for Oct. 24 at the Greenfield Baptist church with the International club of Mt. Hermon in charge.

The new organization will be exclusively for young people and will be known as the Franklin County Youth Peace Council. Russell Jones of Greenfield was chosen Chairman and on the executive committee are Miss Katherine Burns of Northfield seminary and Bruno Pueschel of Mt. Hermon school. A meeting in the near future is scheduled for Northfield.

## Is Now Clergyman

At the fall meeting of the Hampshire association of Congregational churches and ministers held at the Congregational church at Easthampton last week Thursday, Rev. J. Paul Williams of Amherst was ordained to the ministry of the church in the presence of 200 delegates from 26 churches.

Rev. S. R. Harlow gave the ordination prayer; Rev. Ray Gibbons gave the charge to Rev. Mr. Williams; Rev. T. T. Dixon extended the right hand of fellowship and Rev. Mr. Williams pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Mr. Williams has been long and favorably known in Northfield where he has many friends. Local interest will follow his success in his chosen profession.

The first meeting of a series on "Home Furnishing" will be held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Vorce next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Vorce and Mrs. Miller have been attending a series of discussions by Miss Grace Gerard of the State college as part of the extension course and as leaders will pass on their information to women in their vicinity who are invited to the meeting.

Youths Hostels in Franklin county may now be found at Sunderland, Conway, North Heath, East Colrain, North Orange, as well as Northfield.

## He Predicts Floods For Two More Years; Was Right In 1936

From a friend at Hartford, Ct., Charles S. Tenney received an outline of a prediction on floods throughout the northeast that may make one feel quite uncertain of coming events.

Captain Thomas J. See a famous astronomer and mathematician who is in charge of the Naval Observatory at Mare Island, California, forecast the great floods of 1936 and now he expects to see other devastating floods during 1937 and 1938. He bases his predictions on the sun spots which cause weather variations on the earth by mixing hot and cold air through decreasing the heat of the earth, thereby permitting cold currents to descend. One cannot say, but Captain See is a scientist with nearly half a century of notable achievement to his credit and his predictions have been taken seriously by people in general.

Captain See says that when sun spots began to disappear in 1928 droughts followed and when in 1934 they began to reappear he felt they would increase in number until 1938. His researches prove that there is an eleven-year flood cycle and has been in evidence since the time of the Caesars. As this law is carefully confirmed from 328BC there is a space of time of 2255 years to 1927 or a total of 205 cycles of eleven years each. We are in the period now of much rain. Eleven years or one cycle since the Mississippi flood of 1927 would bring another disaster in 1938. Perhaps one guess made may be as good as another but it will be interesting to learn in time what actually happened in line with the predictions. Realizing what happened in March of 1936 and the loss sustained by Mr. Tenney on his meadow farm, he wonders how much he can count on the predictions coming true which is sent him by his friend. It's a feverish world we live in anyway.

## The Insurance Men Convene At Hotel

Five of the New England agencies of the Provident Life Insurance company of Philadelphia will hold their fall get-together at the Northfield hotel and Chateau for three days beginning next Tuesday.

Chairman S. J. Gummere, manager of the Worcester office will open the meeting Wednesday morning. Representing the home office in Philadelphia, will be E. Milnor Bechtel, Agency Assistant, and Frank R. Lockhart from the agency department.

The agencies to be represented and their general agents are Freeman M. Grant of Portland, Me.; Walter Brokaw, Providence, R. I.; Lowell W. Davis, Hartford, Ct.; Raymond E. Holway, Vermont and New Hampshire; and S. J. Gummere of Worcester.

The events of the first day will include an open forum conducted by Raymond Holway and Frank Lockhart, an afternoon of recreation around the hotel when the guests may enjoy the many facilities offered by the hotel and a dinner in the evening presided over by toastmaster Freeman Grant.

The forum on the second day will be conducted by Walter Brokaw and Frank R. Lockhart. The sales congress will conclude its sessions on Thursday.

## Class Outings

The different classes at Northfield seminary held picnics Monday at some of the lovely spots surrounding the campus. The traditional senior-junior outing was held at Louise Andrews camp. The sophomores were at Cathedral Pines and the freshmen at Wanamaker Falls.

The three certificate groups, made up of girls as yet not classified in any of the four regular classes, also held separate picnics. One group chose a spot on the Northfield Hotel golf course, another enjoyed the picturesque Chateau garden, while the third group gathered at The Stile near Garnet Rock. The High School graduates stayed on campus at the Glen Picnic Grove.

Don't talk about the tall corn of Kansas—we raise tall corn in Northfield and on the farm of the Northfield hotel just off the Birnam road it grows to just 15 feet 2 inches high. To prove it just take a look at a cutting at the hotel porch and measure it for yourself.

The choir of the Congregational church will be tendered a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt tomorrow (Saturday) evening. There will be a showing of several movie films.

## Annual Seating Day Held At Seminary; Miss Wilson Presides

The annual traditional seating day was held at Northfield seminary on Thursday of last week when seniors are given the front row chapel seats and receive all the honor due them from the rest of the school. The exercises were held in Silverthorne hall where chapel services are held during the work being conducted on the new chancel and the erection of the new organ in Sage chapel.

The junior class of 101 girls, dressed in white and wearing light blue and gold class ribbons took their assigned places before the seniors came into the hall. At the first note of the "Priest's March," the entire school rose to watch the seniors with their crimson and silver ribbons march to the front of the assembly.

Franklin county girls seated as seniors were Sally Donaldson and Phyllis Gordon of Barnardston, Shirley Lamphear, Gladys Rikert, uth McEwan and Mary Wright of East Northfield, Phyllis Roberts of Conway and Mary Whitmore of Sunderland.

Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the seminary, read the scripture and announced the class hymn, "Once to Every Man and Nation." She then read a list of 16 girls who received places on the scholar's honor list for their high scholastic standing last semester.

Six of the girls who achieved this distinction are still attending the seminary, while 10 were graduated in June and are now enrolled in different colleges. The six girls still at Northfield are: Virginia Baker of New Brunswick, N. J.; Jane Bowers, Larchmont, N. Y.; Margaret Colvin, Topeka, Kan.; Dorothy Fenner, Dominican Republic; Jessie Henry, Wallingford, Ct.; Mary Whitmore of Sunderland.

The chairman of the Campus Government association, Patricia Jennings of Somers, Ct., was introduced by Miss Wilson. She asked for cooperation from the student body which would enable the C.G.A. to best serve the students and the school. Members of this group are elected by the students each year. They represent each of the dormitories, the town students' group, the school paper, the school church, and the athletic association, and with a faculty group headed by Miss Wilson, they decide the method of handling campus problems.

The exercises ended, seniors and juniors gathered outside the building for step-singing. The seniors sang to the juniors and the juniors returned the salute. Both classes sang to their advisers and to Miss Wilson. The seniors finally settled the choral competition by singing the many verses of Northfield's favorite senior song which ends: "At last we are seated as seniors. We sit in the very front row. We chaperone even the juniors. When they to the city do go."

## Garden Club

The executive committee of the Garden club has appointed a program committee for the year 1937-1938 consisting of Miss Grace Randall, chairman, Mrs. F. E. Fox, George W. Carr and William H. Waite.

At the annual meeting held in September it was voted to change the date of the monthly meetings to the first Monday in the month.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Eliza E. Symonds, 1 Glenwood avenue next Monday at 7:30 p. m. Plans for the year will be discussed, a report of the exhibit of the united group of Garden clubs at the Springfield Exposition will be given and each member of our club will be given the opportunity to report any success or failure he may have had in his gardening operations this season or in previous years.

## On Speaking Tour

Albert E. Roberts, executive secretary of the Northfield Schools, delivered the principal address last Tuesday night at a farewell dinner given by the White Plains, N. Y. Y.M.C.A. to its secretary, Eugene Field Scott. Mr. Scott is leaving White Plains to become general secretary of the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Roberts was for many years Town and County secretary of the International committee of the Y.M.C.A. Next Monday evening he will go to Orange, N. J. to speak at a testimonial dinner in the Y.M.C.A. of the Oranges, for Clarence H. Potter, secretary, who has served the Y.M.C.A. for 25 years.



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## LOCALS

The Unitarian Alliance of women enjoyed a most interesting visit to the home of Mrs. George Smith, the District Director, at Barre on Wednesday. A luncheon was served at the noon hour.

Ronald Colman comes to the Auditorium Theatre at Brattleboro for four days starting Monday, in David O. Selznick's production of "The Prisoner of Zenda," the famous Anthony Hope romance of love and intrigue in the royal courts of Europe. Madeleine Carroll and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., head the imposing supporting cast, which includes Mary Astor, C. Aubrey Smith, Raymond Massey, David Niven and others.

The new Seagrave fire truck recently purchased by Hinsdale was tested and accepted this week. At the try-out held last week Thursday, Chief Galen Stearns of the Northfield fire department was invited to attend as an observer.

The body of Dean Carter, four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond V. Carter of Bernardston was brought to Northfield Monday for burial in Center cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark of Warwick road are great grandparents.

Sarah L. Ayer of the Highlands and of Danielson, Ct., has conveyed to Sarah L. and Charlotte D. Ayer of Danielson two parcels of land in Northfield, according to a record made at the registry.

State income tax and the town tax are due today Friday, Oct. 1.

Simmons the jeweler of 22 Federal street, Greenfield, announces the opening of an optical department in charge of Dr. A. Singer a state registered optometrist who comes from Boston with a valued experience to make his home in Greenfield.

Elliott V. Fleckles of Mt. Hermon school was a speaker on "Youth and War" at a meeting of the Youth Peace Council held in Robbins Memorial church in Greenfield last Sunday evening.

The Massachusetts Hotelman's association held its fall meeting at the Weldon hotel in Greenfield last Monday. L. G. Treadway who manages the Northfield hotel was a speaker and A. Gordon Moody, resident manager, attended.

From the Youths Hostel it is reported that a conference of house parents of about 70 Youths Hostels will be held in Northfield at National headquarters, Oct. 15. On the 16th the executive committee of the organization will meet and on the 17th the national board.

### Trinitarian Church

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Rally Day program will be presented at the Sunday School next Sunday at 10 o'clock. Children and parents should be present to enjoy the service. At 11 o'clock the church will rally its people for a challenging service when special anthems entitled, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "That Beautiful Name" will be sung. The sermon subject "God's People Distinguished." Sunday school at No. 3 schoolhouse at 2:30. Also at 2:30 Mr. Fletcher the blind evangelist will conduct a service at the Farms schoolhouse. At 7 the Senior Endeavor will meet at the young people's room. At 7:30 Mr. Fletcher will preach at the Farms and at 8 the preaching service at the vestry.

Wednesday at 3:00 the Women's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. A. G. Moody; the topic, "An Air Journey Across Moslem Lands" will be presented by Meadames A. G. Moody and F. A. Holton.

Thursday at 7:30 the weekly prayer service followed by the choir rehearsal.

Annual meeting and supper of the church, Wednesday, Oct. 13.

### South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

This Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock Dr. Frederick M. Elliot, the newly elected president of the American Unitarian association will speak, opening the three days' sessions of the Unitarian Laymen's League to be held at The Chateau.

On Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Rally Day for the church school. At 11, church worship. The men attending the Laymen's League convention will be present and their minister who will preach is Rev. Dale DeWitt of Hollis, L. I.

The October Alliance program meeting will be held Wednesday Oct. 6 at 3 o'clock as a unity study group of the women of the two churches, at the home of Mrs. Albert G. Moody. The subject will be the "Moslem World" with Mrs. Albert G. Moody and Mrs. Fred A. Holton as speakers.

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## FROM THE WILL OF ABALINE M. D. ALEXANDER

"25. I give and devise to the inhabitants of the town of Northfield, in trust, my present homestead in Northfield consisting of a brick house on Main street with barns and about four and one quarter acres of land, and also the sum of Five Thousand Dollars in money, for the purposes and upon the conditions following, namely:— That the town of Northfield accept this legacy within one year after the probate of this will, and within one year after the receipt by them of said five thousand dollars from my Executor, erect upon said premises a small, suitable plain brick building to be called "Northfield Memorial Hall" of which sum not less than four thousand dollars nor more than forty-five hundred dollars shall be expended in the construction of such building, and so much of said land may be used as needed and desired for the erection of said building and for a yard about the same and the remainder of said homestead premises may be sold in whole or in part and conveyed by said inhabitants of Northfield without further authority, than is herein given, and if such sale is made, the entire proceeds thereof subject to the provision hereinafter made, shall be placed at interest in some Savings Bank or otherwise securely invested, and in either event, the income and the income only of said property, shall be forever used for the care of the grounds and the building, for insurance, and for the repair and heating of the same, to include such services as are required, said inhabitants of Northfield to have the control and management of said memorial building and property, and I direct that a part of said building, not exceeding one-half thereof, shall be assigned and used for the purpose of providing a place for the deposit and keeping of relics and articles of interest relating to the late war of the Rebellion, under the direction and supervision of the Henry H. Johnson Post No. 171 G.A.R. of Northfield, and its successors in fact, if any it shall have, but not to be used for the meetings of the Post or any kindred organization, and it is my desire that the names of the Northfield veterans of the Civil War shall in some way be suitably and permanently inscribed upon stone tablets to be placed in said building, and also if practicable the names of the soldiers of former wars from Northfield.

There shall be constructed in the remaining part of the building a hall to be called "Ladies Hall" to be used for social purposes, business meetings, lectures or any like or similar purposes that may be desired, for the use of all the people of the town, but to be used under the direction of a committee of seven or more ladies to be chosen annually by themselves at a meeting duly called for the purpose and held at the hall. The sum of three hundred dollars shall be set apart and used to aid in collecting names and preparing tablets upon which to record the names of soldiers from Northfield in the aforesaid wars, and the sum of seven hundred dollars may be used and expended in furnishing "Ladies Hall" with piano, pictures, chairs and other furnishings such as the ladies desire, and the above sums, together amounting to one thousand dollars shall be derived from any balance of said legacy of five thousand dollars, and if necessary from the proceeds of the sale of said real estate. After the veterans shall have passed away, I trust that the Sons of Veterans will continue to maintain an interest in the care of the department of the Grand Army. In case this legacy is not accepted by any legal reason it cannot be accepted and its provisions carried out by said town, then and in that event I give and devise the real and personal estate above named in this clause of my will, in trust to my Executor herein after named, and authorize him in his discretion, and not otherwise to convey said real estate by good and sufficient deeds thereof, and to pay over said sum hereinafter in this clause of my will named, to any legal organization in said Northfield upon such conditions, and in such manner as he may deem best and advisable, that will be accepted by same and carry out the provisions of my will substantially as herein set forth, and will undertake to perpetually hold and care for said property, the name of the building to remain and be as above and the assignment of the same as above designated, the property to still be and remain for the public use of the inhabitants of the town and upon the foregoing conditions; but in case this legacy shall not be accepted by said inhabitants of Northfield, nor the said property conveyed or transferred by my said Executor to any organization as aforesaid, then the property herein devised shall be held by my Executor as

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### SOUTH VERNON

Services at the South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray pastor. Sunday, 10:45 (standard time) morning worship; 12:15, church school; 7:30, evening service. Thursday at 7:00 mid-week service at Vernon Home.

Andrew and Michael Zaluzney, Aiden French, Jr., Arthur Bolton, Jr., and Courtland Dunklee all of South Vernon are attending Mt. Hermon school.

Miss Margaret E. Fairman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Fairman of Vernon, and Robert E. Collins, Supt. of the trout rearing station at Vernon, were married at the bride's home last Saturday afternoon by the Rev. E. E. Jones of the Union church. After a wedding trip and visit to New York they will reside at Vernon.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Edmunds who are visiting Mrs. Julia Ennis went to Dorset to attend a wedding at their church at which he officiated.

Miss Genevieve Edson who has been employed at Putney this summer has returned to her home.

Sixteen members of the Vernon Grange attended "Booster Night" with the Northfield Grange on Tuesday evening.

W. Carey Tyler has raised some fine giant corn and an ear which he has taken from the stalk measures 18 inches long.

A food sale will be held at the Vernon Home next Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock followed by an entertainment at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome as a large patronage and attendance is desired.

The annual meeting of the "70 Club" which was organized in 1927 was held at the Union church on Wednesday of last week with nine members present. Forty names were read of those who were members during the past ten years and the names of those who died during the past year were received with sadness. The club will continue to exist and it is hoped to enlist all those who have passed their

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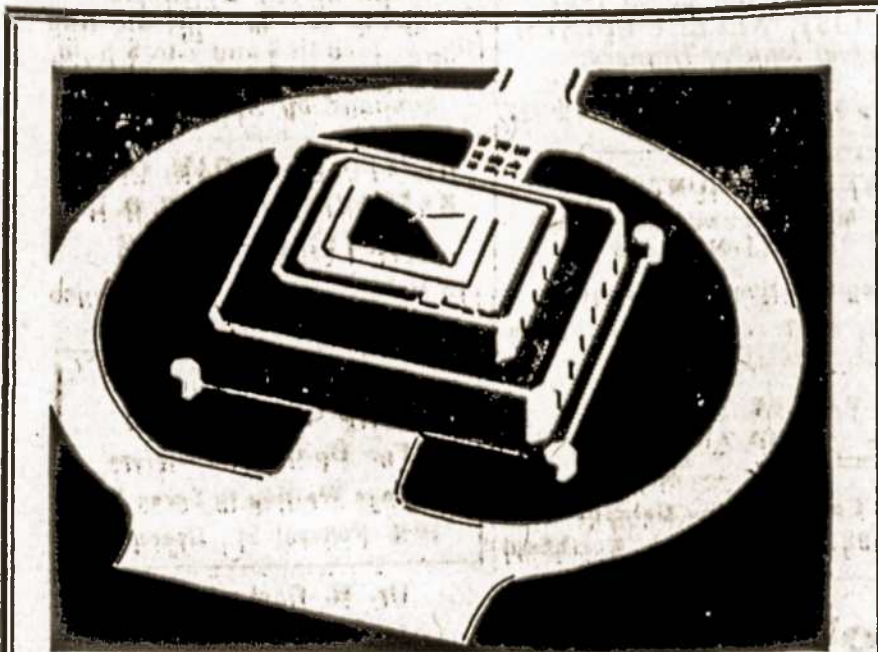
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three score and ten. The officers of the club are Mrs. George E. Tyler, president; Mrs. Fred Adams, vice-president; Mrs. Julia L. Stockwell, secretary and treasurer. A deficit in net income of \$176.84 after fixed charges is reported by the Boston & Maine railroad for August. This compares with net income of \$180,839 in August of last year.





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### PERSONALS

Miss Emma E. Woodard who has spent the summer at "Lauriel Holme" in the Highlands, has returned to her home at No. Attleboro.

Prof. Spurgeon Gage was the preacher at the Miller Falls Congregational church last Sunday and on Monday, he and his wife left by motor for their winter home at Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kellogg left on Monday to spend the winter in Florida. They will be located at Passagrille Beach near St. Petersburg.

E. St. John Catchpool, director of the Youth Hostels in England is spending some time as a guest of the American directors at National headquarters here.

Miss Virginia Powell has returned to Mt. Holyoke college to resume her studies.

A son, George VanRiper, was born Sept. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Swampscott. He is a grandson of Mrs. N. Fay Smith of Birnam road.

Miss Charlotte Newton who is making her home with Mrs. John E. Nye is a senior at Northfield seminary. Her name was unintentionally omitted from our published senior list.

Mr. and Mrs. Martindale of Meriden, Ct., were week-end guests of Mrs. N. Fay Smith at her home.

Miss Sarah Ayer, registrar of Northfield seminary from 1893 until 1925, who spends her summers on the Ridge each year, will leave the Highlands shortly for her home in Danielson, Ct.

Miss Doris Hopkins, associate alumnae secretary, Miss Elizabeth Braley of South Vernon, and Mrs. William Cole of Greenfield attended a meeting of the executive committee of the seminary Alumnae association in Worcester Saturday. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Chaffin, president of the association.

Irene N. Deming has gone to New Concord, Ohio, and entered Muskingum college as a senior.

Professor and Mrs. George Elderkin of Princeton university and their family, also Mrs. Howson of Wayne, Pa., have been overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell at "Green Pastures" last week.

Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins of Scarsdale, N. Y. has rented the Dickerson house on Highland avenue. She has a son attending Mt. Hermon school and a younger son going to the Pine street school.

S. E. Walker has returned from a week's vacation and rest at Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell White of Salmon, Idaho, were guests this week of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright. They are parents of Lawrence White, their son-in-law and he and his wife (Vera Wright) were also visitors during the same time. They came from Boston.

Herbert C. Parsons, comes to Northfield to attend the Unitarian Laymen's convention and will preside at the session Saturday evening.

Grove W. Deming, Jr., has entered Wentworth Institute in Boston.

### SEPTEMBER

The world is taking on new colors  
Reds, browns, and gold;  
The Maples seem extremely giddy  
As they're growing old.

The Fir trees never need to change—  
Their green is always grand;  
Both in summer and in winter  
Majestically they stand.

The Apple trees laden with their fruit  
Are beautiful to see;  
The trees, shrubs and grasses,  
everywhere  
Are speaking truths to me.

And when we look around the fields  
We see the corn all ripe—  
The yellow pumpkins on the ground—  
They form a pleasing sight;

However they speak of a summer gone,  
With winter just ahead,  
When all the brilliant glory's lost  
And everything looks dead.

But they are not dead—just sleeping.  
Resting—strength to renew,  
To bring forth more added glory  
When spring comes back to you.

May we learn our lesson—from nature  
That if we would do our share  
To make life grand and glorious,  
There must be rest and prayer.  
—Bertha S. Latelle

### MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE ERECTS NEW BUILDING



New Moody Bible Institute Administration Building now being erected in Chicago.

CHICAGO—The "West Point of Christian Service," the name by which The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago is known throughout the world, is to have a new twelve-story administration building, according to an announcement by Dr. Will H. Houghton, President. He said, "The new Administration Building will make possible the bringing together of the administrative activities of the Institute, now widely scattered among our thirty-eight buildings, thus making for efficiency and economy of operation. It is fitting in this year of international commemoration of the birth of Dwight L. Moody, founder of the Institute, that such a building should be erected from which the world wide activities of the Institute will be directed."

The building is to be located on LaSalle Street, just north of Chicago Avenue. Construction has already begun. To make way for the new building, the nine old three-story buildings that occupied the site have been torn down.

The building, designed by Thibaut and Fugard, Architects, will be brick, trimmed with Bedford stone, and will be architecturally attractive, though simplicity of design and maximum use of available floor space will make for economy both in the cost of erecting and maintaining.

Kathleen Bagley Galvin begins the fourth consecutive year of dancing school in Alexander hall on Monday afternoon. New pupils are requested to enroll at 3 o'clock.

Lawrence White, husband of Vera Wright White has been selected as a member of the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music which began its 71st year and has the largest enrollment of students since its foundation. Mr. White is also a member of the Boston Symphony orchestra.

Mrs. Ambler Welch of Hingham and her mother, Mrs. Isabel Davis of Quincy are spending a few days in town calling upon friends. Mrs. Welch was a former resident of this town.

Miss Blanche Corser former president of the Garden club, was at the Springfield Exposition last Wednesday and Saturday afternoon where she acted as hostess at the Exposition flower show.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Catlin of Annapolis, Pa., are guests of G. W. Deming.

Miss Verna Mayberry has entered Barnard college in New York City.

Mrs. Nellie A. Handy and Miss Helen Handy spent the past week with friends in Norway, Maine.

The Millers Falls Congregational church whose pulpit has been filled by the Rev. Elliott W. Brown for some time is now looking for a permanent pastor and candidates will occupy the pulpit each Sunday. Owing to his continued illness, Mr. Brown finds it impossible to further carry on.

Plans for the building provide for modern lecture halls, a spacious library, offices for the business staff and faculty, and reception halls. A completely equipped printing plant will occupy part of the basement area, another section of which will be devoted to additional dining room space. Radio Station W-M-B-I will occupy the top three floors for its studios, control room, and visitors gallery.

The building will cost approximately \$600,000, and is being made possible through gifts of Christian friends throughout the world.

Through fifty years the Moody Bible Institute, founded by D. L. Moody to meet the need for Bible trained workers, has steadfastly adhered to the purposes for which it was begun. Today it stands out conspicuously among the thousands of educational and training institutions of the world.

During the past school year, there were 1,300 enrollments in the Day School, more than 1,500 in the Evening School, and 10,000 in the Correspondence School and Radio School. More than 2,000 Institute students have gone out as missionaries to some 70 countries under 72 different missionary boards and societies. Twelve have died as martyrs to the cause of Christian missions, among whom were John and Betty Stam, slain by Chinese Communists in December, 1934.

### THE LOW DOWN —from— HICKORY GROVE

Big figures kinda stall me, and anyway I have always thought they was for somebody else besides me. And also, the ones you see, they are mostly Uncle Sam's, and I always imagined that his figures was O. K., and I did not need to check up on 'em, even if I could.

But a neighbor feller he says to me, Jo, he says, did you see where Uncle Sam is givin' away millions to the rich, that don't need it, and I says, help no, I never saw that.

And this neighbor, he is an accountant, and he knows figures, and they don't scare him. So he says, yes, the Govt. is sure liberal. And the latest, he says, is in Chattanooga, which is a rich and fine town, and the Govt. it has donated 2 million there, to build a powerhouse. So I says, gee whiz, I thought Chattanooga was already lit up in fine style.

And this accountant, he took a long breath and he says, well, it is easy to see that you don't know an awful lot about figures—or politics.

Yours, with the low down,  
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## EDITORIAL

Fleas are still with us and the summer brought an unusual number this year that vented their affectionate feelings not only toward dogs and cats but to us humans. One who has not experienced the itch from the little creatures bite lacks in his education on natural history and doesn't know what the joys are of traveling in foreign lands where sand and heat combine to make memorable, one's visit. The recent hot and humid weather brought a further increase in their productivity and now only a cold spell will end their activity unless you are entertaining them in your home. Fleas are no respecters of persons and animals are preferred. Many persons blame the dog or cat for fleas but it is only passing the responsibility to the dumb creature and if the truth were known those persons may be the ones who shok them off from themselves. If you haven't experienced plenty of flea bites you have missed something in life.

What a pity it is that the modernizing of a store front doesn't improve the appearance of the building above it. From across the street it's the upper part of the building that makes or spoils the view. All of which reminds me that bargain prices on goods inside is no guarantee of satisfaction. You get only what you pay for.

There is much talk about a balanced budget. A balanced budget is necessary if we are to divert disaster and restore that confidence among our people which is sadly waning. The Federal budget can be balanced in only two ways: first by reducing expenses so that they will come within the nation's income, or secondly, by increased taxation. If it comes in increased taxation it may bring trouble, for our people will not long stand the strain to which they are even subjected now nor will youth stand any further mortgaging of their future days. However, we say, "balance the budget."

## Safe In China

Rev. and Mrs. Walter deVelder are safe in China. The latter was Margaret Otte, daughter of Mrs. Frances Phelps Otte a summer resident of Rustic Ridge and is well known and has many friends in Northfield. Her mother furnishes the Press with the information in order that her friends may know something of their present situation.

Their home is at Chang-Chow thirty miles inland from the large port city of Amoy, where they are settled and at work studying the language. They arrived in China in October of last year. In July they went with missionary friends to Kulung, a resort in the mountains of Foochow, which is about 200 miles north of Amoy. Here many Chinese and foreigners go to escape the heat and humidity of the low lands. As late as Aug. 21 in a letter they said that they had heard of the impending war conditions about Peiping and Shanghai but did not sense any danger, although the influence and activity of Japanese of whom there are many in Amoy was noticeable. Since the date of the last letter received, the Foreign Mission Boards have ordered all missionaries to evacuate China and the "cables" have advised that all missionaries are on the small island of Kulung, directly across from Amoy. The Mission Boards will probably return some missionaries to America, some will go to India, while those who are physicians, nurses, etc., will remain to help the Christian Chinese during the emergency. Rev. and Mrs. deVelder are among the number who have decided to remain. The island of Kulung is the home of many missionaries and the location of many hospitals and churches as well as schools. It is an international settlement and will not be attacked.

However, all hope that the bloody conflict in the East will soon be ended and the prayer is that our good friends will not suffer any unfortunate experience.

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## THE CITY SLICKER



"Vermont: A Guide to the Green Mountain State," second volume in the New England section of the American Guide series, prepared by the Federal Writers' project, will be published this month by Houghton Mifflin Co. of Boston.

## The Back Yard Gardener

The nights and mornings are getting pretty cool nowadays, and it isn't going to be long before a big frost will end the garden season. Of course, every gardener is sorry to see frosts come. It seems to me that many flowers are just in their prime when they are cut down by frosts. And then spring seems so far away with a whole winter in between. But we gardeners can't very well control the weather.

One problem that does come up at this time of the year is the matter of moving plants indoors. I always like to take in some of my plants and keep them growing inside during the winter. And I guess most gardeners like to do the same thing. It's something like a glimpse of the past, the past being the gardening season.

But if you are going to grow plants indoors, it isn't by any means an easy job. There are so many artificial factors that must be controlled that the gardener who can successfully grow indoor plants has a right to be proud of his ability.

Two of the big difficulties are dry atmosphere and high temperature. There isn't any danger of getting the atmosphere too moist when you grow plants under the artificial conditions of a modern residence. Moisture in the atmosphere is of benefit not only to the plants but to the people as well. And heating systems do not provide enough moisture for plant growth. So it's necessary to put some evaporating pans on the radiators to increase the humidity.

If the atmosphere is extremely dry, the best way of getting moist air and cutting down evaporation from the pot is to grow the plants on a shallow metal pan. Put in the pan a layer of small pebbles, sand, sphagnum moss, or peat moss which is kept wet.

In practically every home the temperature is kept too high to be satisfactory for growing plants. About 68 degrees is the temperature that is best for the plants. If you can keep the room at that temperature and then put the plants in the coolest section of the room, you shouldn't have any trouble in keeping plants healthy as far as the temperature factor is concerned.

But humidity and temperature aren't the only important things. There is the problem of light, which is probably the most important of all. You can put your plants in the proper soil, you can give them the right amount of air and moisture. But unless they have enough light, they won't thrive.

The amount of light that is necessary is different for different kinds of plants. For example, many of the ferns which grow naturally in the woods don't require so much light as geraniums. So you have to consider the requirements of each plant. When you have plants in the house, you should turn them so that all parts of the plant get the same amount of light. That keeps the plant in good symmetrical shape. A southern window is the best for growing house plants. And next in order come western and eastern windows. A south-eastern exposure is just about ideal for flowering plants.

Ventilation, watering, soil, food containers, pruning, disease and insect protection are all big problems in keeping plants indoors. It isn't possible to con-

sider all those factors in this discussion. But I have a suggestion for you.

The State college up at Amherst publishes a leaflet on the subject of house plants. It was approved by a couple of the flower specialists, and it has a lot of information on how to grow plants indoors. I sent for a copy last week. I did have one I got a couple of years ago, but somehow or other it got lost. And I was surprised to find that the leaflet they sent me had been revised. Now, in addition to the information on taking care of indoor plants, it's got a lot of suggestions about various popular indoor plants, about bulb culture and a list of plants that grow well indoors.

And the State college people don't charge anything for the leaflet and I'm sure they would be glad to send anyone a copy. Just write to the Editors' Office, Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Mass., and ask for extension leaflet No. 103.

And here's wishing you a lot of luck with your indoor plants this winter.

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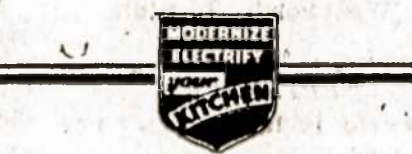
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